

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 VIENNA 07065 050548Z  
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 PM-05 SP-02 SS-15 L-03  
CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 DODE-00 SES-02 IO-13 SSM-03  
SAA-01 MCT-02 ACDA-12 AF-10 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00  
HA-05 /106 W

-----111382 050551Z /11/42

O 041629Z AUG 78  
FM AMEMBASSY VIENNA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7475  
INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENNA 07065

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT PARAS 3 AND 4)

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS USDEL SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, XF, EG  
SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN DEMARCHE ON MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS

1. DCM MET WITH MFA SECRETARY GENERAL REITBAUER AT LATTER'S REQUEST AUGUST 4 TO RECEIVE SUBSTANCE OF DEMARCHE ON MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED BY EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER PAHR ON AUGUST 1. REITBAUER SAID THAT EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR HAD MADE IT CLEAR HE WAS SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS AND HAD REQUESTED GOA'S "GOOD OFFICES" IN CONVEYING EGYPTIAN VIEWS TO U.S. GOVERNMENT. FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD NORMALLY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THIS WITH AMBASSADOR WOLF, REITBAUER SAID, BUT SINCE BOTH WERE AWAY FROM VIENNA, DCM/SECGEN MEETING SERVED AS SUBSTITUTE.

2. REITBAUER SAID THAT GOA WAS CONVEYING EGYPTIAN VIEWS WITH "DUE SENSE OF MODESTY" SINCE IT WAS "SURE WE ARE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 VIENNA 07065 050548Z

COMPLETELY AWARE"OF ALL FACTORS BEARING ON CURRENT STATUS OF MIDEAST NEGOTIATING EFFORT. REITBAUER SAID HE WISHED TO STRESS, HOWEVER, THAT EGYPTIANS ARE "VERY CONCERNED" ABOUT SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST AND ARE CONVINCED THAT "SOMETHING MUST BE DONE" IN AN INCREASINGLY "RISKY" ENVIRONMENT. (REFERENCES WERE MADE IN THIS CONTEXT TO LEBANON, PLO/IRAQI FLAREUP, AND HORN OF AFRICA.) REITBAUER

ADDED THAT EGYPT WANTS USG TO PLAY "MORE ACTIVE ROLE" IN NEGOTIATIONS, AND SPECIFICALLY TO SERVE AS "FULL PARTNER" RATHER THAN "MEDIATOR." ACCORDING TO REITBAUER, EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR AVERRED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT DISCLAIMED ANY INTENT TO HAVE U.S. "IMPOSE" A SETTLEMENT ON ISRAEL.

3. REITBAUER PRESENTED DCM WITH GERMAN-LANGUAGE COPY OF EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR'S AUGUST 1 DEMARCHE. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT:  
QUOTE

-- A "COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT" IS DESIRED BY THE EGYPTIAN SIDE.

-- THE PLAN OFFERED BY EGYPT AT LEEDS DEALS IN PARTICULAR WITH THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS AND DEMANDS THE DEPARTURE (ABZUG) OF ISRAEL FROM THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. EGYPT REGARDS THE BORDERS THUS RESULTING AS THE HISTORICAL ONES.

-- EGYPT IS PREPARED TO GIVE ISRAEL ALL SECURITY CONCESSIONS; ISRAEL'S DEMANDS FOR SECURITY COULD, HOWEVER, IN NO CASE BE BOUND TO TERRITORIAL PROMISES (ZUSAGEN).

-- THE ACHIEVING OF PEACE WOULD OFFER ISRAEL EVERY GUARANTEE TO LIVE WITHIN ITS BORDERS WITH GOOD NEIGHBORS.  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 VIENNA 07065 050548Z

-- EGYPT WILL NOT CEASE TO PUSH ON WITH ITS PEACE EFFORTS. HOWEVER, FURTHER CONTACTS MUST NOT ENTAIL LOST TIME. ISRAEL IS USING THE CONTACTS IN ORDER TO OCCUPY FOREIGN TERRITORY. MOREOVER, FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN HAS ALSO DECLARED IN NEGOTIATIONS THAT THERE WILL BE NO SETTLEMENT FOR ISRAEL WITHOUT TERRITORIAL PROMISES.

-- THE PRESENT ISRAELI GOVERNMENT POLICY, AND THE POLICY OF PRIME MINISTER BEGIN IN PARTICULAR, IS STRICTLY REJECTED BY EGYPT. THIS IS TRUE WITH RESPECT TO THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION, BUT ALSO WITH RESPECT TO THE CONDUCT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS; PRIME MINISTER BEGIN HAS A "COMMERCIAL APPROACH"  
-- THUS, HE REPRESENTED AS A NEW INITIATIVE SADAT'S PROPOSAL TO WEIZMAN TO HOLD A MEETING IN EL ARISH. THE ISRAELI PRESS PRODUCES RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND THE ASSOCIATED ENDANGERING OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

IN CONCLUSION, THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT BECAUSE OF THE BEGIN POLICY THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAS APPROACHING A DANGEROUS POINT, AS IT EXISTED AT THE TIME WHEN PRESIDENT SADAT RECALLED FOREIGN

MINISTER KAMEL FROM THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE. ANY READINESS  
TO COMPROMISE REGARDING TERRITORY IS EXCLUDED. END QUOTE

4. IN RESPONSE TO DCM'S QUERY, REITBAUER SAID EGYPTIAN  
AMBASSADOR HAD GIVEN NO INDICATION AS TO WHETHER HIS  
DEMARCHE WAS BEING REPEATED IN OTHER CAPITALS. REITBAUER  
WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THIS WERE THE CASE, HOWEVER, AS  
PART OF EGYPTIAN EFFORT TO APPLY MODICUM OF DIPLOMATIC  
HEAT TO AMERICAN FEET ON EVE OF SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP TO  
MIDDLE EAST. REITBAUER VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT  
EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR HAD ASKED GOA TO INFORM "OTHER EUROPEAN  
GOVERNMENTS" OF AUGUST 1 APPROACH, BUT THAT GOA HAS NOT YET  
DONE SO.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 VIENNA 07065 050548Z

5. COMMENT. IF EGYPTIANS WERE HOPING TO GET GOA TO  
REINFORCE DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE ON U.S., LOW-KEY DIFFIDENCE  
OF SECRETARY GENERAL'S PRESENTATION WOULD INDICATE NO LARGE  
MEASURE OF SUCCESS. WOLF

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED USDEL SECRETARY.

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** DEMARCHE, NEGOTIATIONS, POLITICAL SITUATION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 04 aug 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978VIENNA07065  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780329-0133, D780319-0302  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** VIENNA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780895/aaaadbzm.tel  
**Line Count:** 142  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 0e871d68-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 27 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1828688  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** EGYPTIAN DEMARCHE ON MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS  
**TAGS:** PEPR, XF, EG  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/0e871d68-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014